This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. – 2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously presented) The system as defined in Claim 10 wherein the sensor system includes at least one of a first sensor configured to generate a deactivation signal on the latching of a seat belt tongue within the buckle.

4. (Previously presented) The system as defined in Claim 10 wherein the first occupant protection system comprises a multi-point seat belt system.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously presented) The system as defined in Claim 3 further including sensor means for generating the deactivation signal indicating one of a) the tongue is latched in the buckle and b) the tongue is not latched within the buckle.

7. (Original) The system as defined in Claim 6 further including deactivation signal means responsive to the deactivation signal for deactivating the knee bolster.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently amended) An occupant safety restraint system for protecting an occupant during a vehicular crash, comprising:

a first occupant protection system having at least one seat belt configured to be lockingly secured about the occupant, the first occupant protection system further

including a seat belt buckle, having a locked and unlocked state, into which the seat belt is operationally locked;

a second occupant protection system comprising a deployable knee bolster to protect, when activated, at least a portion of the lower extremities of the occupant, the knee bolster movable only once from a stored position to an active position ~~positive~~ upon sensing an accident; and

a sensing system including a sensor which senses whether the buckle is locked or unlocked, and which generates a signal to the second occupant protection system to prevent the knee bolster from moving to the active position if the seat belt is operatively locked in the buckle.